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TAGS: PGOV, MARR, ASEC, PREL, VE
SUBJECT: FOREIGN MINISTER OCHOA ON COUP ATTEMPT

REF: CARACAS 12431

1. CONFIDENTIAL - ENTIRE TEXT.
2. CHARGE SPOKE WITH FOREIGN MINISTER OCHOA AT 7:25 A.M. LOCAL TIME ABOUT COUP ATTEMPT. OCHOA, WHO WAS WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ (CAP) AT MIRAFLORES PALACE, STATED THAT FAR LEFT ELEMENTS, INCLUDING BANDERA ROJA AND TERCER

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CAMINO, HAD, TOGETHER WITH SAME REBEL ELEMENTS WHICH HAD ATTEMPTED COUP ON FEBRUARY 4, LAUNCHED COUP ATTEMPT EARLY TODAY. HE CLAIMED THAT ONLY MILITARY UNITS INVOLVED THUS FAR WERE A SMALL "SPECIAL ACTION" NAVAL UNIT AND ELEMENTS OF THE AIR FORCE BASE (LIBERTADOR) IN MARACAY. OCHOA STATED THAT REBEL GROUP IN NAVY HAD BEEN CONTROLLED. HE ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT AIR FORCE REBELS IN MARACAY HAD CAPTURED COMMANDING GENERAL OF BASE (GENERAL PAREDES) AND HAD SEIZED THREE MIRAGE AIRCRAFT. THESE AIRCRAFT HAD BOMBED/STRAFED CERTAIN TARGETS IN CARACAS, ONE OF WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN DISIP (INTELLIGENCE POLICE) HEADQUARTERS.

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OCHOA PREDICTED THAT LOYAL FORCES WOULD HAVE THE SITUATION FULLY UNDER CONTROL WITHIN MATTER OF HOURS.

3. CHARGE ASKED WHETHER WE COULD DO SOMETHING TO BE OF HELP IN CIRCUMSTANCES. OCHOA RESPONDED THAT STATEMENTS REITERATING UNITED STATES SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRACY WOULD BE WELCOME.

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